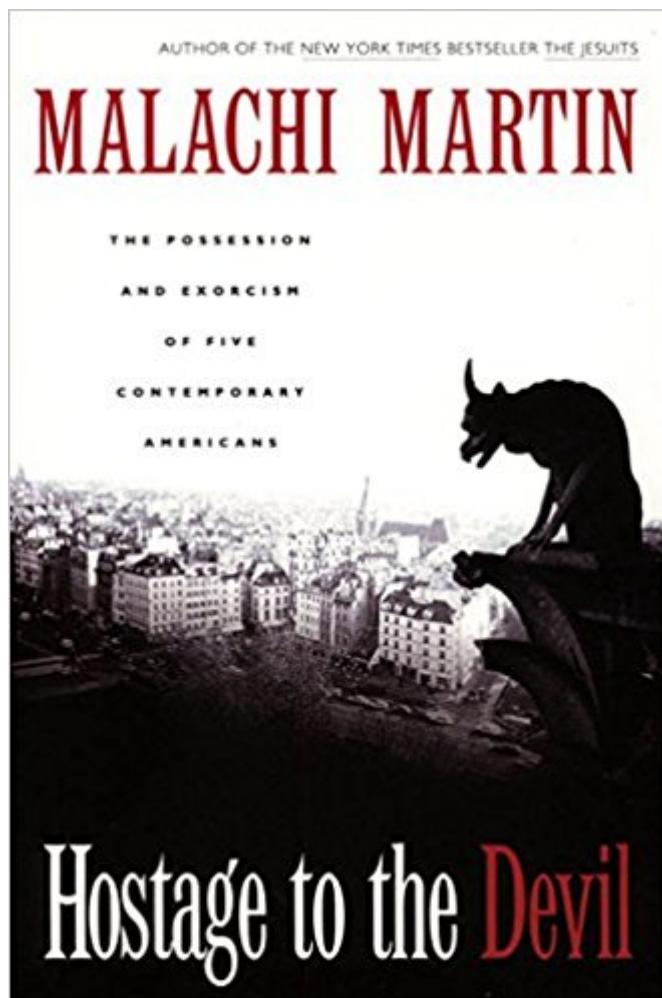


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# Hostage To The Devil: The Possession And Exorcism Of Five Contemporary Americans



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A Masterpiece of Spiritual Insight by a Masterful Writer and Priest, October 27, 2005Reviewer: Rick (Beijing, China) - See all my reviewsFirst, a confession: I am on the verge of becoming a member of that nearly lost legion--the reborn Roman Catholic. Second, a minor revelation: this book brought me back to the Faith. Rather than scare the reader into submission to the Will of God, Father Martin stirs one's dormant and perhaps deeply buried awareness of what is altogether pure and holy and ultimately victorious in the seemingly eternal struggle between Good and Evil. In an age of jaded youth media culture, comedians and pundits who relish in their cynicism, and unabated Hollywood hedonism, it is a breath of fresh air after the rain to read and ponder on Martin's accounts of personal travail and utter spiritual anguish. This is not an "easy read;" it requires concentration and an appreciation for intricate prose style. In five lengthy and detailed case studies, written in stirring narrative style, the author carefully chronicles the slow descent of otherwise unusually clever, sensitive, and gifted people into the pit of demonic possession. Father Martin does not sensationalize, nor does he intend to appeal to the reader's emotions. Nor does he harangue or cajole or attempt to make us feel guilty. Instead, his very sure hand and deft writing leads us to

realize that whether we wish to confront it or not, evil and its dark kingdom of demons thrives in this soiled earthly domain, guised and cunning but here nonetheless. Some have attempted since the untimely death of the author to dismiss him as a fraud or, worse yet, one possessed himself.

Informative and entertaining though this book is, and other reviews cover the formalities, it may hit you on a more personal level than you are prepared for. It did me, take the anecdotal evidence or leave it. To cut a long story short, there is a chance that, by reading this book, new light will be shed on aspects of your life that you maybe rather wasn't shed. You might, as I did, cement a realisation of just how close you have come to the dark one, or something operating in his name, and in doing so, bring to the immediate fore elements that you'd rather not get too acquainted with. This book, just paper and print though it is, could act as a trigger to strange happenings that will revolve around very personal (and usually undesirable) aspects of your life and your self. It will not "create" anything new in your life, only make you aware that certain influences already present might actually be something more than you feared and act as a catalyst to escalate certain processes. Yes, you might be getting "tested" by dark forces and not be entirely aware of it until you read this book and relate the experiences and processes described. Not a nice revelation to have, though perhaps, necessary? The subtlety, complexity, disturbing "realness" and almost boundless reach of Lucifer into your very life and person will make itself known to you in stark and obvious shades of bright light to an extent that is hard to digest. So don't read this book if you doubt you are ready for such things.

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